



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 04329.2199-00

In re Application of:

Kenro NAKAMURA et al.

Appln. No.: 09/453,831

Filed: December 2, 1999

For: POLISHING METHOD AND
POLISHING LIQUID

Group Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: L. Umez-Eronini

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of July 9, 2001. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$[Fee] for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	15	-	20	0	x \$ 18	\$
Indep.	4	-	3	1	x \$ 84	84.00
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Subtotal						\$ 84.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 84.00

- ☒ A fee of \$84.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☒ A fee of \$110.00 to cover Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$194.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: November 8, 2001

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated July 9, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, and 6-10 without prejudice or disclaimer, add new claims 17-22, and amend claims 1, 11, and 12 by substituting the following amended claims 1, 11, and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) A polishing method comprising: polishing a surface of a substrate containing Ru or a Ru compound in a surface region with a polishing liquid containing cerium (IV) nitrate.

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